

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1132

Cleary/Ward barn B is located on Chaneyville Road, approximately four miles from its intersection with highway four. The property is on the north side of Chaneyville road, before the road makes its ninety degree turn. Access is private. The barn is oriented on a north-south axis, and is situated on a hillside, slightly to the north of the road. Cleary/Ward barn B measures seventy-six by thirty feet and has a stripping room built into the bank below, and an added hayloft/equipment shed to the east. The ground the barn is built on slopes down drastically along the east side. The materials and construction techniques used in this barn are consistent with those of a mid-late twentieth century aisle plan barn.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CT-1132

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Cleary/Ward Barn B

2. Location

street & number Chaneyville Rd. ☐ not for publicationcity, town Dunkirk Chaneyville
☒ vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: workshop/ storage

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. Frank Cleary

street & number telephone no.: 257-9490

city, town Lower Marlboro state and zip code MD 20736

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio

city, town Prince Frederick state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Attachment.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Attachment.

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Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone Easting Northing

B

Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E | | | | | | | | | |

F 

G

H | | | | | | | | | |

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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name/title	Tora L. Williamsen-Berry
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name/title
c/o Calvert County Historic District Commission

organization Dept. of Planning and Zoning date June 30, 1990

street & number Courthouse telephone 535-1600

city or town Prince Frederick state MD

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7. DESCRIPTION CT-1132

Cleary/Ward barn B is located on Chaneyville Road, approximately four miles from its intersection with highway four. The property is on the north side of Chaneyville road, before the road makes its ninety degree turn. The barn is oriented on a north-south axis, and is situated on a hillside, slightly to the north of the road. There is another barn nearby, slightly to the southwest of this barn, and adjacent to the road. Cleary/Ward barn B measures seventy-six by thirty feet and has a stripping room built into the bank below, and an added hayloft/equipment shed to the east. The ground the barn is built on slopes down drastically along the east side.

The upper story (tobacco curing area) is divided into bays that measure ten and eight feet wide. There is a set of double doors in the upper story at the southwest corner of the south wall, the northwest corner of the north wall, and along the west wall-- where the ground is level with the upper story. There is also a set of double doors into this upper story along the east wall, above the stripping room/workshop area below. These doors were apparently accessed by backing a vehicle up to them and unloading it into the upper story.

Concrete block masonry piers support the timber frame of the barn. The top plate is formed of two, two by six inch boards. The medium weight, circular sawn posts, are inserted into the gap between these boards and nailed to them. The down braces and horizontal nailing rails are also circular sawn. All of the nails used are wire. A standing seam metal roof covers the structure. Plain vertical wall siding with hinged ventilation doors covers the exterior. Rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. There are windbraces on the north west diagonals, and three collars. King posts are nailed from the tie beam to the roof ridge. The tier poles are circular sawn and separated by forty-four inches vertical distance. There are poles down the central axis formed of two, two by six inch boards with blocks inserted between on which the tier poles rest. There is a horizontal screw tobacco prize of circular sawn lumber in the barn. The entire area where tobacco was hung, is floored. The large aisleway formed by the double doors on the north and south gable ends, in the western half of the barn, has double joists laid beneath the flooring. These joists were probably placed there in order to support the extra weight that vehicles entering the barn, would create over this second floor.

There is a stripping room below the barn, built into the hillside. It is built of concrete block and has been converted into a workshop. There are windows visible along the east wall of this original stripping room. There is electricity and heat in this room. One four foot wide door, and one double door, are located on the east wall of the lower stripping room/workshop area. Cyclone doors were built into the upper story where tobacco was hung, and served to allow tobacco to be passed from one section to

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the other. Although they do not remain, it is likely that a stairway descended from one of these cyclone doors to the lower level of the barn.

There is a hay loft built on to the northeast end of the barn. This structure measures thirty-two by twenty feet. It is built of pressure-treated lumber and galvanized wire nails, and is a later addition. Access to the loft is from the lower level, via three sets of double doors all on the south wall. The lower story serves for equipment storage, and the upper story connects with the tobacco hanging space in the barn. Like the upper story, this loft is completely floored. A ladder leads from the lower level of this additon to the upper hay loft level.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1132

This barn is architecturally significant for several reasons. It is a modern dual aisle-plan barn dating to the mid-late twentieth century. The materials and construction techniques visible are similar to those of other barns that have been dated to this period. It is one of several barns of such plan recorded by this survey. The most unusual feature of this barn is that it has two stories. The lower story, excavated out of the bank below, has a stripping room/workshop area and equipment storage. The upper story served to hang tobacco and store hay. The barn was built with the concept of driving vehicles through its main aisle from north to south, as evidenced by the doubled joists beneath the floor of the main section. It is one of the few modern aisle plan barns recorded that was built with two entirely separate floors.

This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to its cultivation than for both of the next most extensive farm products (corn and wheat). The barns and stripping houses related to this "Tobacco Culture" are widely recognized as the most common element on the rural landscape. These structures are also the most threatened, as the market for tobacco declines. They seem to have, at present, only limited capabilities for re-use. Many barns and stripping houses now stand empty. The purpose of this survey has been to gather information and document a wide sample of these structures before they disappear from the landscape.

Historical Period theme(s): ca. 1950-; Tobacco; Agriculture
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert Cty MD
Chronological/Developmental Period: ca. 1950-Present
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

This barn has undergone a few changes. The stripping room beneath the barn has been converted into a workshop. The section to the east was added at a later date than the original construction of the barn. The barn suffered from a fire, and the upper level is damaged. The barn is no longer used for tobacco curing, but simply for storage.

Field Notes

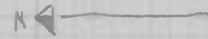
#2105 - Frank Cleary, owner.

Located on Chaneyville Rd, off of highway four, at the 90 degree turn. Private ownership, occupied for storage. TW recorder. Sunny and warm weather. Original site, altered. Fair condition - suffered from fire. North-south axis. Located on hillside, stripping room built into bank below.

Concrete block masonry piers support the frame. Posts are medium weight and mortise between the two two by six inch timbers that form the plate. The down braces are three by six inch timbers. The horizontal nailing rails are also circular sawn. All nails are wire. Standing seam metal roof covers the structure. Plain vertical wall siding with hinged ventilation doors covers the exterior. Rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The top plate is formed of two, two by six inch boards. The posts are inserted into the gap between and nailed to both boards. There are windbraces on the north west diagonals, and three collars. King posts (double two by six inch boards) are nailed from the tie beam to the roof ridge. The tier poles are circular sawn boards separated by forty-four inches vertical distance. There are poles down the central axis formed of two two by six inch boards with blocks inserted between on which the tier poles rest. There is a horizontal screw tobacco prize of circular sawn lumber in the barn. There is a stripping room below the barn. It is built of concrete block and has been converted into a workshop. There is a hay loft at the northeast end. Access to the loft is from the same level as the stripping room.

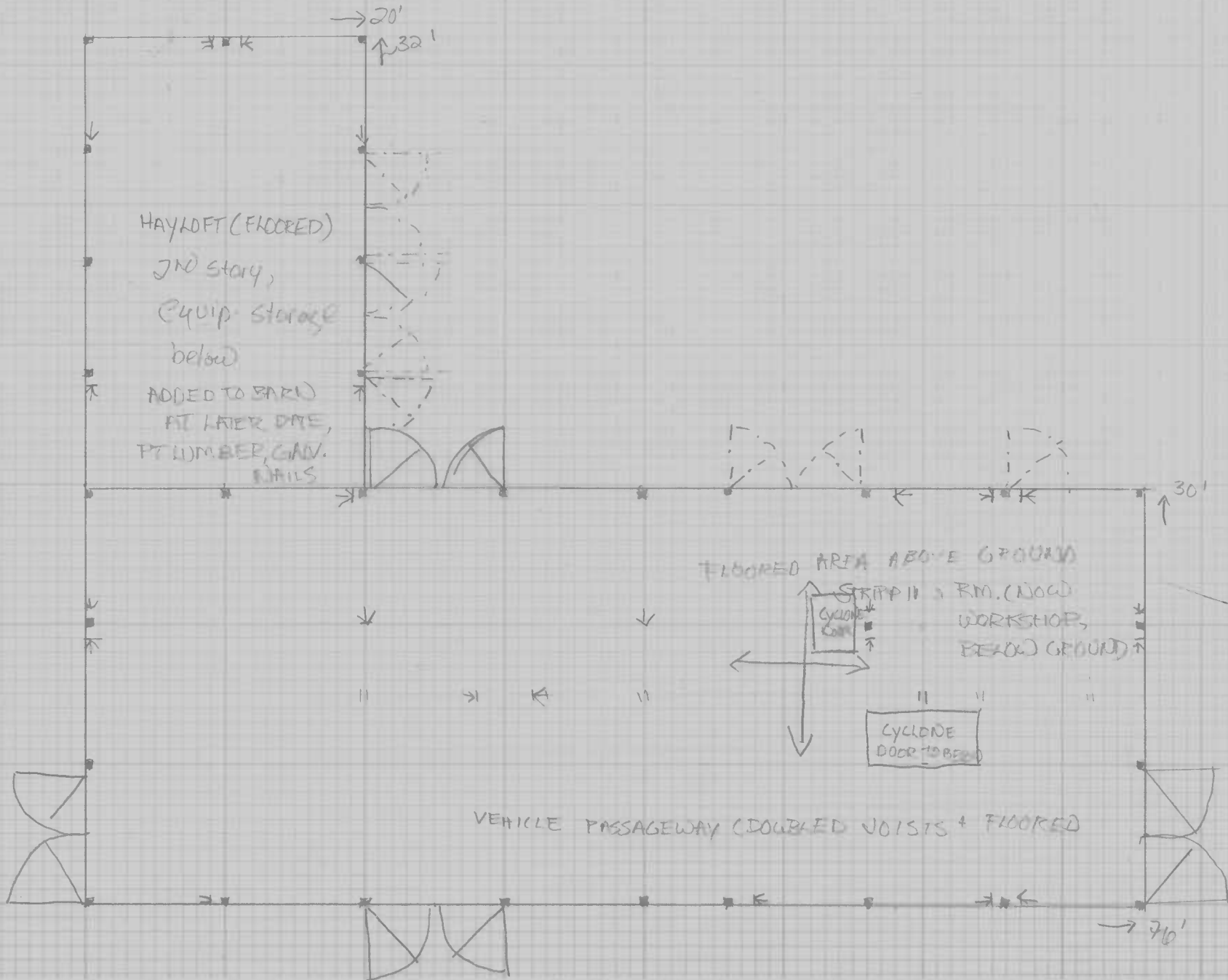
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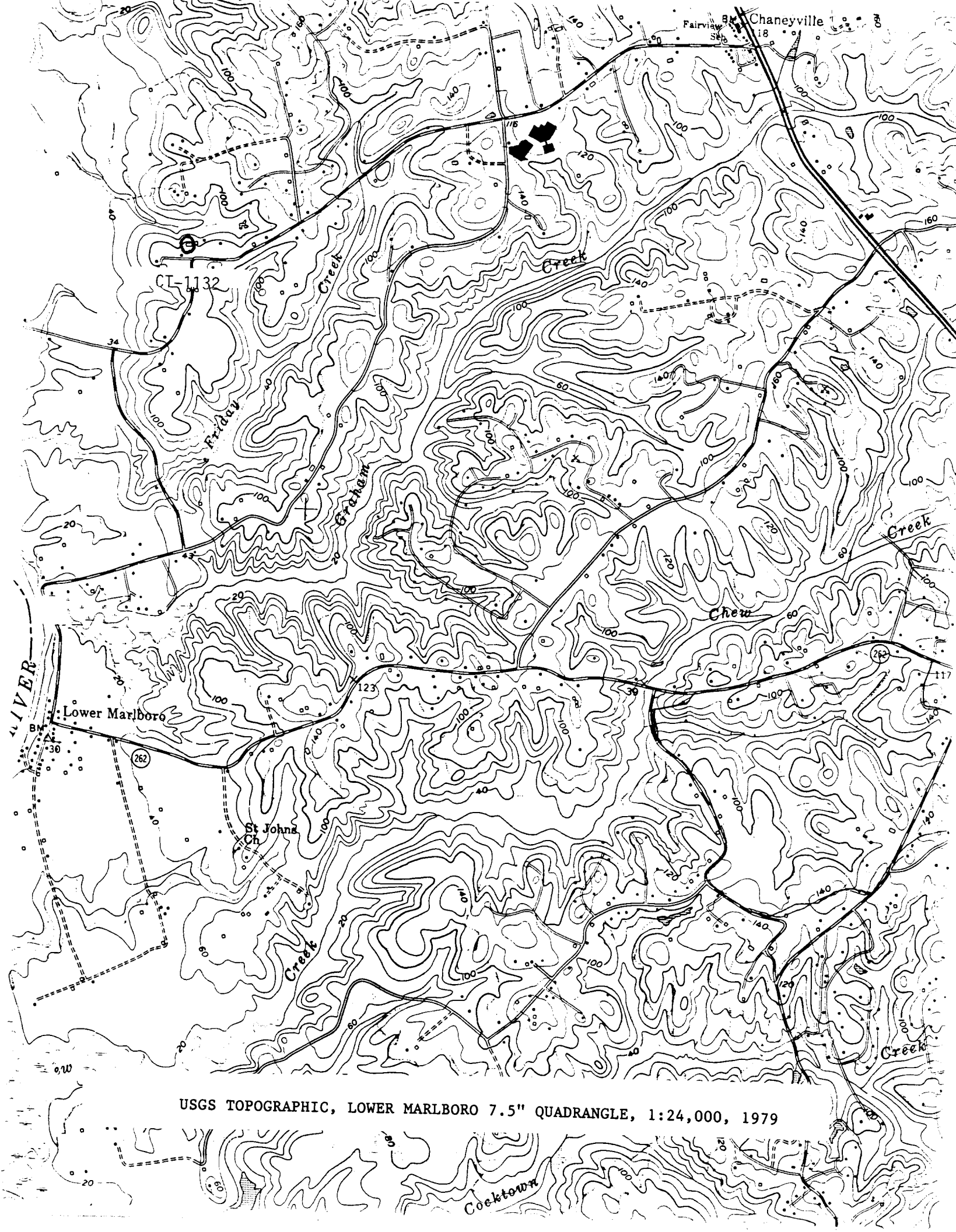
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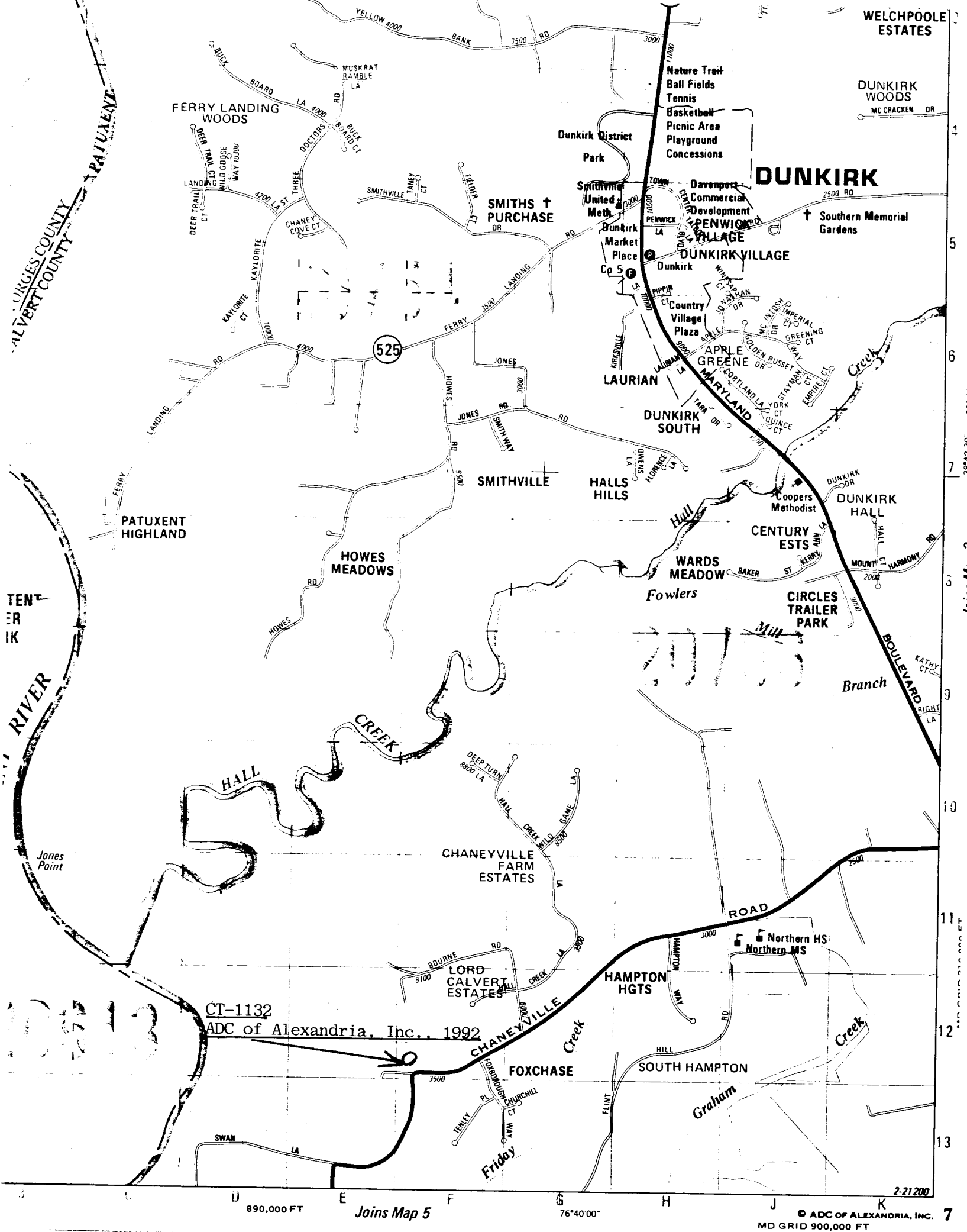
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STEELY DESCENDING ROOFGIRTS





USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, LOWER MARLBORO 7.5" QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1979



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Hall

Fowlers

Mill

Hall

Creek

Creek

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Cleary-Ward Tobacco Barn B
Lower Marlboro Quad, 1953, PR 1979

Friday

Graham

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on
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Point

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GEORGES CO



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CLEARLY MARKED BARN B'
DUNKIRK

TOPA L WILLIAMS

NORTH WEST

MAY, 1990